

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RODNEY KARL BLACKWELL,
Plaintiff,
v.
PATRICK COVELLO, Warden, et al.,
Defendants.

No. 2:20-cv-1755 DB P

ORDER

Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff claims defendants have failed to provide a safe prison environment in violation of his Eighth Amendment rights. Presently before the court is defendant's motion for an extension of time to opt out of the post-screening ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) project. (ECF No. 23.) A settlement conference has been set for November 22, 2021. (ECF No. 22.)

Counsel for defendant scheduled a telephone call with plaintiff to determine whether or not the early settlement conference would be a waste of resources. (ECF No. 23 at 3.) Counsel states additional time is necessary as plaintiff was unable to attend the scheduled phone conference because his housing unit was under a COVID-19 quarantine. (*Id.*) Good Cause appearing the court will grant the motion.

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Defendant's motion for an extension of time (ECF No. 23) is granted; and
2. Any motion to opt out shall be filed on or before October 11, 2021.

Dated: September 24, 2021

/s/DEBORAH BARNES
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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